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24th April 1944.

Dear Mr. Grieve,

Roberts Spray Machines
Use of Respirators by Plasterers

I send you herewith copy of a letter which I have to-day received from the Inspector of Factories at Hull in reply to my letter of 19th April, of which I sent you a copy.

The whole question is of course considerably wider than merely supplying a few respirators to the plasterers involved in this particular contract, and the position is not therefore as simple as the Factory Inspector, in the third paragraph of his letter, appears to assume. As soon as we admit that plasterers working near the machines should wear respirators, the question arises as to where the line should be drawn, and by analogy we might then be asked to see that the same action is taken wherever any other trades are working near on board ship.

I am also sending Mr. Soothill a copy of the Factory Inspector's letter so that both he and you can give me any comments

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you care to make as to the nature of my reply to the Inspector. Possibly the safest course will be to acknowledge his letter, say that there is of course no difficulty in actually supplying respirators to the few men concerned in this particular job, and that the whole question raises a matter of principle which will have to be considered.

Yours faithfully,



... Secretary.